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Senate

The Senate met at 10:30 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

O God, You are our refuge. Give us the wisdom to live so we never dishonor Your Name. Provide our lawmakers with power and insight to accomplish Your will on Earth, as they look to You for help. Become for them their shade by day and defense by night. As they acknowledge that You alone are the source of their strength, surround them with the shield of Your favor and direct their steps.

And, Lord, comfort our hearts as we mourn the death of our beloved retired Senator Mike Enzi. Be especially close to his precious Diana and the rest of his family.

We pray in Your merciful Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The President pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Morning business is closed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the following nomination, which the clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Todd Sunhwa Kim, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Mr. WARNOCK. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WARNOCK). Without objection, it is so ordered.

REMEMBERING MIKE ENZI

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I always consider it a privilege to open the U.S. Senate, be here for the pledge of allegiance, be here for the Chaplain's prayer. But I must admit this morning that I felt such a sense of sorrow that we were praying for my good friend Mike Enzi, whom I had the privilege to serve with during all the time he was in the U.S. Senate.

We used to spend time together. We would talk to each other on votes coming up. He was the old "old school." He always kept his word; he knew I would mine. We worked on many things.

I did remember, through the tears this morning as I heard the news, of one day when I was chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee and Senator Enzi came to me and he said: You know, I know you are Italian American—which I am on my mother's side—and I am Italian American. And I have this nominee. He is one of us. He is Italian American. Please push him through.

Well, the nominee backed by Senator Enzi was, of course, well qualified anyway. We put him on the agenda and passed him.

A few weeks later, he came up to me, and he said: I have got another nominee.

I said: How many Italian Americans do you have in Wyoming?

He said: Oh, this is one of us. He is Irish.

I said: Mike, what do you mean "he is Irish"? You are Italian.

He said: No, I am just like you, except in reverse.

He had an Italian father and an Irish mother. I had an Irish father and Italian mother.

So he said: He is one of us; you have got to get him through—of course, as only Mike could, in that gentle humor of his.

And we laughed. And, of course, he was well qualified, and we put the nominee through.

A couple of weeks later, he comes up to me on something else. I said: Do you have another nominee?

He said: No, but I am looking for a French Canadian, and now I am going to call your wife Marcelle and say: This is one of us. We have got to get him through.

But I tell that story only because it was typical of him. He would quietly meet with Senators on both sides of the aisle. We were different in our political philosophy, but he always worked at finding a way we could come together. And countless times he would bring Democrats and Republicans together. It was never done with any fanfare. He didn't seek publicity. He wasn't running to the press to say: Look what I did; look what I accomplished. But he had the thankfulness of all of us.

He and his wife Diana and Marcelle and I have spent so many times together, and you felt this was somebody you could be having a backyard barbecue with, somebody you could just be

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